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1. FONOFF ASSISTANT TO CHIEF OF SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS BOISGELIN
SAW NO OBJECTION TO PARAS 2 AND 3 REFTEL.

2. BOISGELIN GAVE SCIATT AND NASA REP RUNDOWN ON SPACE LAUNCHER
QUESTION. FRENCH HAVE COMPLETED INFORMAL SOUNDING OF EUROPEAN
GOVERNMENTS ON L3 S PARTICIPATION. BASED ON THIS, HE WAS
OPTIMISTIC L3 S PROJECT WOULD GO AHEAD. UK INTEREST IN L3 S,
HE ACKNOWLEDGED, WAS NOT APPRECIABLE. HE SAID FRENCH DECISION
ON JOINING ESRO SORTIE LAB PROJECT WOULD DEPEND ON
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OUTCOME OF L3 S NEGOTIATIONS. FATE OF EUROPEA II LAUNCHER WOULD BE DECIDED AT FRANCO- GERMAN MINISTERIAL MEETING, TO BE ARRANGED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FRENCH MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL AND SCIENTIFIC DEVELOPMENT IS NAMED. IF CHARBONNEL REPLACED, NEW MINISTER WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME TIME TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH ISSUES AND PLANNED MEETING WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL END APRIL OR LATER.

3. COMMENT: DESPITE SOME MILD PRODDING BOISGELIN DID NOT BACK UP HIS OPTIMISM ON L3 S BY NAMING GOVERNMENTS WHO WERE INTERESTED. IRWIN

UNCLATTERN OAS UPON UN OR TO RESTRICT MEMBERSHIP TO LATAMS. TAKING AIM AT ALMEYDA, TRIBUNA REFERRED TO " INEPTNESS OF NOT RECOGNIZING ADVANTAGE IN US ACCEPTANCE OF THIS MAGNIFICENT EQUALITY."

4. PDC' S LA PRENSA QUOTES PURPORTED SOURCES IN MONEDA TO EFFECT ALMEYDA MIGHT HAVE HIGH- LEVEL MEETINGS WITH USG OFFICIALS DURING OAS VISIT. SOURCES ALLEGEDLY DID NOT DISCOUNT POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERVIEW " IN A CONCILIATORY TONE" WITH DR. KISSINGER, THE SECRETARY OR JOHN CRIMMINS. NO SUCH SPECULATION HAS APPEARED IN PRO- GOVT MEDIA OR ELSEWHERE.

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